Featured Movie: Common Anatomic Variants: The Hepatic Artery Originating from the Superior Mesenteric Artery

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Anatomic variants can present a challenge to physicians. Normal surgical procedures can become complicated and progress to serious unexpected adverse events.

Familiarity with expected and unexpected anatomic features can help one anticipate and potentially avoid these problems. The featured movie reviews an example of a vascular anomaly associated with the celiac and superior mesenteric arteries.

This patient was not resectable based on involvement of the superior mesenteric artery. If he were to have surgery but had portal vein involvement, could he potentially be at greater risk of liver infarction if the abnormal arterial supply to the liver was inadvertently injured?

This featured movie shows abnormal and normal anatomy from various perspectives to help the reader recognize these findings as they come across them in their practice.

References: